A treatment success rate of more than 85% has been reported under the revised strategy which means that more than 8 out of every 10 patients out on treatment under the revised strategy are being successfully treated as against below 4 in the earlier Programme. Till date, the RNTCP has placed more than 73 lac patients on treatment thus averting more than 13 lac deaths.

In Delhi, the case detection and success rate of new sputum positive patients put on treatment under DOTS is consistently above 90% and 85% respectively. During 2006, more than 47,600 TB patients were initiated on treatment under DOTS with 87% success rate.

Conference on health

2083. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference on population, health and social development was held in Hyderabad in February, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the performance of each State was evaluated in the conference; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) A conference on population, health and social development was organized by Population Foundation of India (PFI) on February 12-13, 2007 in Hyderabad. The objectives of the conference'were:-

(i) To get a clear perspective of the demographic and health transition process in Kerala. Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(ii) To recapitulate the initiative undertaken over the last decade in the light of the current situation and status of sexual and reproductive health including HIV/AIDS

(iii) Lessons for other States, particularly Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The conference has given an opportunity to draw upon the experience and models adopted by more successful States. PFA has brought out the following two publications which were the key features of the conference:-

(i) Population, health and Social Development - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

ii. Conference Report - Population, health and Social Development-Experience of Southern States.

The performance of demographic and health transition along with lessons learned and implications was discussed, debated and evaluated at the conference.